WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Mangalore as SEZ

717. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include Mangalore as Special Economic Zone for the speedy economic and industrial development;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) As per the policy, the Central Government does not propose to set up any new Special Economic Zones (SEZs). However, SEZs may be set up in the public, private, joint sectors or by the State Government. A proposal has recently been received through the Government of Karnataka for setting up of SEZ in coastal belt comprising of Baikampady (Mangalore). It has yet not been granted approval.

Ban on outsourcing services from India

718. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken to persuade the U.S. Administration against the reported attempts by States like New Jersey and others in the U.S. to legislate a ban on outsourcing certain services from India, which is likely to adversely affect the IT and IT enabled services (ITES) industries in the country because of their sheer dependence on the U.S. market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, especially outcome of the recent meetings with the U.S. trade representatives in Washington, where this subject matter was also reported to have come up for discussion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The Government is closely monitoring the progress of the various Bills introduced in some States of USA. A task force to be chaired by the Department of Information Technology and having representatives from